

to harden our huge but soft and lazy strength. In consequence, although over a year has passed, we are still in a military sense impotent to render real aid to the allies or be a real menace to Germany."

In the same speech he took up the problems which would arise for solution after the war and stated his views on social and industrial reforms—views which had been undergoing development in his mind for more than 35 years, for these questions had been steadily occupying more serious consideration from him as time advanced. The substance of what he published at the time, was embodied in his book, "The Foes of Our Own Household," already alluded to.

His chief desire at the time was to bring the Kepublican party back to the standard that he had set for it while he was President and from which it had lapsed under President Taft. This condition of mind found expression in a letter that he wrote to William Allen White, of Kansas, on April 4, 1918, which contains also an interesting account of his experiences during his visit to Washington in January, 1918, to which allusion was made in the preceding chapter:

"I wish to do everything in my power to make the Be-
publican party the party of sane, constructive radicalism, just as it was under Lincoln. If it is not that, then of course I have no place in it. And while I might very probably vote for its candidate as the least unattractive course open, I would not attempt any serious championship of it, or expect to have any share in guiding it. If the

Eomanoffs of
our social and industrial world are kept at the
head of our
Government the result will be Bolshevism, and
Bolshevism
means disaster to liberty, writ large across the
face of this
continent.

"A couple of months ago I went to
Washington, being
originally asked to go by Smoot and Madden. I
saw a great
many Senators and Congressmen. Three of
the Senators,
two of them were old friends of mine and
whose names I
really don't think I shall write down even to
you, struck me
as hopelessly reactionary, as hopelessly blind,
to the condi-